

NCAA Statistical Leaders

Since the NCAA began producing its annual statistical rankings in 1937, individual Notre Dame players have finished in the final top 10 on 74 occasions.

From 1937 through 1969, all individual rankings were by season totals. Beginning in 1970, most season individual rankings were by per game averages. In total offense, rushing and scoring, it is yards or points per game; in receiving and interceptions, it is catches per game; in punt and kickoff returns, it is yards per return; and in field goals, field goals per game. Punting always has been by average.

Beginning in 1970, passers were ranked on completions per game, and starting in 1979, were ranked on efficiency rating points. The all-purpose running rankings have been compiled only since 1970. The field-goal rankings began when the goal posts were widened in 1959. Kick scoring is no longer an active category.

All records and rankings include regular-season games only.

Here's a complete listing of all those Irish players finishing among the top 10 in any individual statistical category (- indicates tie):

TOTAL OFFENSE

1944	4	Frank Dancewicz	1120
1949	6	Bob Williams	1437
1954	6	Ralph Guglielmi	1257
1955	4	Raul Hornung	1215
1956	2	Raul Hornung	1337
1964	3	John Huarte	2069
1970	2	De Theismann	281.3
2005	5	Bady Quinn	334.1

RUSHING

1943	1	Geighton Miller	911
1944	10	Bob Kelly	681
1953	5	Neil Worden	859
1979	5	Vegas Ferguson	130.6
1983	5	Allen Pinkett	126.4
1992	7	Reggie Brooks	122.1



Allen Rossum led the nation in punt returns in 1996 at 22.93 yards per attempt and was sixth in kickoff returns in 1997 at 28.50 yards per attempt. (Photo by Lighthouse Imaging)

PASSING

1941	3	Angelo Bertelli	70
1942	6	Angelo Bertelli	72
1944	6	Frank Dancewicz	68
1950	10	Bob Williams	99
1954	10	Ralph Guglielmi	68
1990	10	Rick Mirer	138.8
1991	8	Rick Mirer	149.2
2005	7	Bady Quinn	158.4

RECEIVING

1964	2	Jack Snow	60
1970	2	Tom Gatewood	7.7

PUNTING

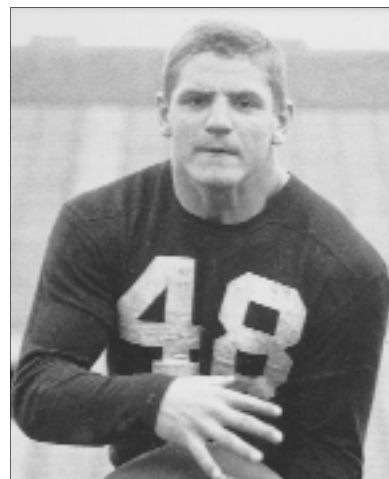
1944	10	Bob Kelly	37.8
1973	6	Brian Doherty	42.7
1975	7	De Restic	43.7

INTERCEPTIONS

1955	t4	Raul Hornung	5
1961	t8	Angelo Dabiero	5
1962	t2	Tom MacDonald	9
1963	t6	Tom MacDonald	5
1964	1	Bony Carey	8
1965	t8	Nick Rassas	6
1972	1	Mike Townsend	10
1982	t5	Dave Duerson	7
1989	t8	Todd Lyght	0.67

PUNT RETURNS

1965	1	Nick Rassas	459
1967	6	Tom Schoen	447
1988	4	Ricky Watters	13.32
1996	1	Allen Rossum	22.93
2000	8	Deby Getherall	16.33



In 1953, Neil Worden finished fifth in the nation in rushing yardage with 859 yards.

KICKOFF RETURNS

1953	4	John Latner	331
1956	2	Raul Hornung	496
1961	8	Raul Costa	359
1975	7	Terry Eurick	26.7
1979	6	Jim Stone	25.9
1982	9	Allen Pinkett	25.3
1986	3	Tom Brown	27.9
1988	1	Rghib Ismail	36.1
1995	5	Emmett Mosley	27.9
1997	6	Allen Rossum	28.50
2000	4	Milius Jones	28.47
2002	8	Vntez Duff	27.68

ALL-PURPOSE RUNNING

(first compiled in 1970)

1976	9	Al Hunter	135.4
1983	6	Allen Pinkett	152.9
1986	3	Tom Brown	176.1
1987	6	Tom Brown	167.9
1990	9	Rghib Ismail	156.91

SCORING

1941	10	Fred Evans	67
1943	t4	Geighton Miller	78
1944	t2	Bob Kelly	84
1947	t5	Terry Brennan	66
1979	4	Vegas Ferguson	9.3
1983	2	Allen Pinkett	10.0
1984	2	Allen Pinkett	9.8
1991	4	Arrome Bettis	10.0

KICK SCORING

1966	t9	De Azzaro	47
1973	t3	Bob Thomas	7.0

FIELD GOALS

1955	t3	Raul Hornung	2
1959	t9	Monty Stickles	3
1961	t8	De Perkowski	5
1980	3	Harry Oliver	1.64
1982	8	Mike Johnston	1.73
1986	4	John Carney	1.91